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November 9, 2012

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 - 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Ex Parte

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation -- In the Matter of Amendment of Part 90 of the Commission's Rules Implementing a Nationwide, Broadband, Interoperable Public Safety Network in the 700 MHz Band Service Rules for the 698-746, 747-762 and 777-792 MHz Bands (WP Docket No. 07-100, PS Docket No. 06-229, and WT Docket No. 06-150); Revisions to Rules Authorizing the Operation of Low Power Auxiliary Stations in the 698-806 MHz Band, WT Docket No. 08-166, Public Interest Spectrum Coalition, Petition for Rulemaking Regarding Low Power Auxiliary Stations, Including Wireless Microphones, and the Digital Television Transition, WT Docket No. 08-167, Amendment of Parts 15, 74 and 90 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Low Power Auxiliary Stations, Including Wireless Microphones, ET Docket No. 10-24.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 9, 2012, Mike Oldak and Klaus Bender on behalf of UTC and members of the UTC Board of Directors met with Jennifer Manner, Julius Knapp, Ira Keltz, Robert Pavlak, Geraldine Matise, Nick Oros, Bob Weller, Mark Settle and Walter Johnston of the Office of Engineering and Technology in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. The members of the UTC Board of Directors who attended the meeting are listed on the attachment.

During the meeting, UTC explained that utilities support expanding eligibility in the 4.9 GHz to include critical infrastructure industry entities on a primary basis, which would make effective and efficient use of the band as well as complement the 700 MHz band as a backhaul solution. UTC suggested promoting greater use of the bands by eliminating secondary use restrictions and permitting higher power and wider channels for fixed operations. More generally, UTC discussed spectrum sharing as a way to meet the increasing needs of utilities and other critical infrastructure industries. Finally, UTC discussed the use of wireless headsets in nuclear power plants, and urged the Commission to permit their continued use.

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These discussions were consistent with UTC's comments on the record in these proceedings. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Brett Kilbourne

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cc:

Jennifer Manner

Julius Knapp

Ira Keltz

**Robert Pavalk** 

Geri Matise

**Nick Oros** 

**Bob Weller** 

Mark Settle

Walter Johnston

## <u>Attachment</u>

## UTC Board of Directors Participating in the Meeting with the Office of Engineering and Technology

- 1. Jeff Selman, Tri-State G&T
- 2. Gary Billman, PPL Corporation
- 3. Greg Angst, CenterPoint Energy
- 4. Mike Kelley, We Energies
- 5. Ron Bilodeau, NV Energy
- 6. Tony Marshall, Progress Energy
- 7. Ken Campbell, AEP Indiana & Michigan Power
- 8. Mike Zaccagnino, NV Energy